THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTRUE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The oilseed production programme includes the coverage of new area under oilseed, providing inputs and extension services, conducting field demonstrations, arranging seed production, forming cooperative societies, etc..

The NDDB takes up creation/development of processing facilities including the product development.

Till 31st March, 1987 an expenditure of Rs. 449 lakhs and Rs. 147 lakhs have been incurred under processing and oilseed production programme respectively in Andhra Pradesh.

National Commission on Urbanisation

1340. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the National Commission on urbanisation in respect of four cities, *i.e.* Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay;

(b) whether the commission has recommended basic changes in the Character of the four Metropolitan cities; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard to the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Urbanisation has termed the cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras as National cities and made recommendations for National support in their development.

(c) Recommendations of the Commission are under process.

Loss due to flood in Assam

1341. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loss in terms of rupees caused by floods and erosion in Assam during the last three years; and

(b) what is the total amount of financial grant given to Assam during the period mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Government of Assam sought assistance for flood relief for Rs. 151.61 crores in 1984-85, Rs. 86.74 crores in 1985-86 and Rs. 338.20 crores in 1986-87.

(b) The ceiling of expenditure approved for flood relief by the Government of India was Rs. 39.12 crores for 1984-85, Rs. 22.16 crores for 1985-86 and Rs. 31.83 crores for 1986-87.

Garlic production

1342. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that garlic has today become a costly commodity beyond the reach of common people;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply position of garlic has been tight due to lower production of garlic; and

(c) the reasons for lower production and measures proposed for the increase in the production of garlic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Whole sale prices of garlic which have been showing an increasing trend during February, 1987 to May, 1987 have declined considerably in July, 1987.

(b) and (c) Supply position of garlic has been low due to drought in the major producing areas. States have been requested to advise farmers to stock enough seed to increase area under garlic.

Mobile Fair Price Shops in Assam

1343. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only six States received Central assistance for arranging Mobile Fair Price Shops for distributing essential commodities; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for financial assistance to Assam for arranging mobile fair price shops in the State in view of wide spread devastation caused by flood and consequent hardship of prople?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) During the years 1985-86 and 1986-87, nine States have received financial assistance from the Union Department of Civil Supplies for this purpose.

(b) During the years 1985-86 and 1986-87, the Government of Assam has already been provided an amount of Rs. 20.97 lakhs for arranging 11 mobile fair price shops. Subsequently, no further proposal has been received from the Government of Assam for financial assistance for mobile fair price shops.

Major irrigation projects in Assam

1344. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of major irrigation projects in Assam; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for undertaking fresh irrigation schemes in Assam in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There are two major ongoing projects and one proposed project in Assam during Seventh Plan. One project, namely, Pagladiya Dam was received in December, 1985 and comments of Central Water Commission have been conveyed to the State Government.

Construction of godowns by the Central Warehousing Corporation in West Bengal

1345. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of warehouses of 39,000 MT capacity was undertaken by the Central Warehousing Corporation in West Bengal in 1984;

(b) if so, what is the progress of the work and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay if any?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Central Warehousing Corporation had undertaken const-